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1. [] OF JAGUAR INTERVIEWED MERE AT POLICE HQS, LEICESTER,
ON 5 OCTOBER. SUBSTANCE AS FOLLOWS.

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2. MERE STATED HE REMEMBERED SOMEONE WITH SURNAME HEINE, BUT HAD NEVER MET HIM PERSONALLY. SAID HE THOUGHT HEINE WAS MEMBER OF POLITICAL POLICE IN 1941 BUT COULD NOT BE CERTAIN. MERE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN GERMANS OCCUPIED ESTONIA IN AUGUST 1941 THEY APPOINTED ONE ERWIN VIKS CHIEF OF POLITICAL POLICE IN TALLIN, WHICH AT THAT TIME SELF-CONTAINED AND INDEPENDENT. IN DECEMBER 1941 MERE APPPOINTED CHIEF OF ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE, INCLUDING TALLINN AND DISTRICTS. AT THIS TIME MERE WAS TOLD BY ERWIN VIKS THAT POLITICAL POLICE HAD FILE ON HEINE. MERE DID NOT SEE FILE BUT GATHERED FROM VIKS THAT IT CONTAINED ALLEGATIONS POLITICAL DOUBLE CROSSING INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS HEINE WORKED FOR BOTH GERMANS AND SOVIETS.

ASKED MERE IF HE COULD BE THINKING OF SOME OTHER

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PERSON NAMED HEINE BUT MERE FELT THIS WAS SAME MAN DESCRIBED BY VIKS. MERE STATED HE THOUGHT HEINE MUST HAVE DISAPPEARED BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL 1942. HAD HEARD NOTHING MORE ABOUT HEINE UNTIL HIS NAME MENTIONED BY [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] SAID ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE COMPLETELY REORGANIZED IN APRIL 1942 ACCORDING TO PLAN MERE DEVISED AND THUS WHILE COULD NOT GUARANTEE HEINE NOT WITH POLICE AFTER APRIL 1942, FELT IT MOST UNLIKELY, PARTICULARLY AS BY THEN MERE KNEW ABOUT EXISTENCE OF HEINE'S FILE.

4. MERE EMPHASIZED THAT ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE CONCERNED WITH ESTONIAN COMMUNISTS IN ESTONIA BUT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SUSPECTED SOVIET AGENTS, AS THESE ALWAYS INTERROGATED BY GERMAN FIELD POLICE (DEUTSCHE FELDPOLIZEI). ONLY EXCEPTION WAS OCCASION WHEN MERE HIMSELF INTERVIEWED SOVIET AGENT, ONE RIDHORANDES WHO PERSONAL FRIEND OF HIS. MERE REMEMBERED NEEME RUUS WELL AS THIRD SECRETARY ESTONIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WHO WAS INTERROGATED BY ESTONIAN SPEAKING GERMAN NAMED BUHRMEISTER. DID NOT BELIEVE ANY ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE TOOK PART IN INTERROGATION. MERE SAID HE SURE HEINE DID NOT INTERROGATE RUUS OR ANY SOVIET AGENTS.

5. MERE STATED HE SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT POLITICAL POLICE AND BECAME

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COMMANDER FIRST BATTALION OF ESTONIAN LEGION. KNEW ALL BATTALION COMMANDERS OF 45TH, 46TH, 47TH REGIMENTS. SAID FIRST COMMANDER OF 45TH REGIMENT WAS COLONEL KURG, WHO DIED NOVEMBER 1943, AND REPLACED BY MAJOR WENDT. MERE SAID HAD NEVER HEARD HEINE'S NAME MENTIONED AT ANY TIME AS AN OFFICER OF ESTONIAN LEGION.

6. MERE INDICATED ONLY PERSON HE COULD THINK OF WHO MIGHT HAVE KNOWN HEINE WHEN LATTER ALLEGEDLY IN ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE WAS ERWIN VIKS, WHO WENT TO AUSTRALIA. JAGUAR RECORDS INDICATE VIKS BORN 20 MAY 1897, AND THEY BELIEVE HE WENT AUSTRALIA CIRCA 1950.

7. POUCHING COPY JAGUAR INTERVIEW.

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